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Donna Shalala, Secretary  
US Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

Please accept this letter protesting the irradiation of meat, and the possible weakening of the labeling requirement for irradiated meat.

Meat is contaminated because of filthy practices on the part of corporations who profit from making more money by not observing basic standards of hygiene. Irradiating meat to "kill the filth" will only place the health of the nation at risk, and, not doubt, result in a ban on the importation of American meat products by foreign countries, many of which still serve their citizens, not corporations, as is the case in the United States of America at the present time.

The very fact that the deceptive practice of not properly labeling irradiated meat is being considered by our government confirms my disgust with the leadership of our nation. Would you really want to buy meat that may or may not be irradiated?

Would you consider being the first government official to publicly feed irradiated meat to members of your family? Bon appetit!

Please let me know if you are willing to take me up on the challenge.

Yours truly,

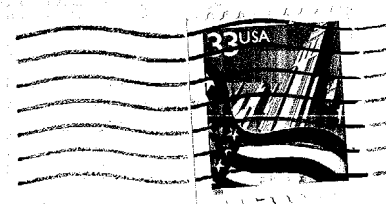
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